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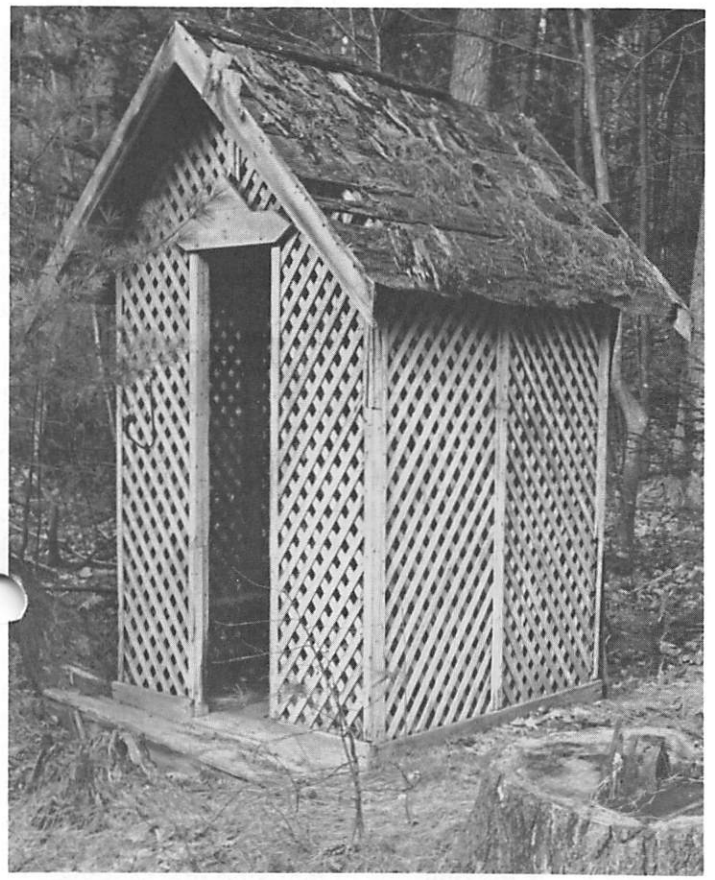

*Miss Larcom's Retreat.*

## LUCY LARCOM'S POETIC VISION OF BETHEL

**by Stanley Russell Howe**

One of the important literary figures of 19th century New England was the poet Lucy Larcom, who spent much time in New Hampshire's White Mountains and in the western Maine town of Bethel. That town with its spectacular vistas and easy views of her beloved White Mountains was an obvious choice for Miss Larcom, who drew much of her poetic inspiration from nature.

It is not known exactly when she first discovered Bethel, which after the Civil War became a favorite of writers and artists who were inspired by the town's outstanding natural setting. In a letter to fellow poet and devoted friend John Greenleaf Whittier, dated August 21, 1884, Miss Larcom mentions planning a visit to Bethel in order "to spend September, - read my proof - and escape hay fever -(as I hope!)." Her favorite spot in town was at John Russell's Riverside Cottage (now the site of Richard and Rita Davis's house on Intervale Road) where she often stayed. To the rear of the house, which burned in 1944, the mountain rose steeply and on the crest there existed a little glen shaded by spruce and fir, where she sat, read and wrote her poetry. This site became known as "Miss Larcom's Retreat." From here she enjoyed a splendid view of the Androscoggin River and its majestic intervale elms, Mount Moriah and several of the higher peaks of the Presidentials including Madison, Washington and Adams.

Each year Miss Larcom attempted to visit the various points she especially loved, including Bethel. That town charmed her, according to Frederick Kilbourne, who in his CHRONICLES OF THE WHITE MOUNTAINS (1916), recorded that she was particularly taken with its "majestic elms and its view of the Androscoggin and the distant mountains."

Born in Beverly, Massachusetts in 1824, Miss Larcom was a precocious child, early in life developing a fascination with poetry and religion. After her father's death in 1835, the family moved to Lowell, where she began working in the textile mills of that city. Here she began writing for several literary magazines.

In 1846, she journeyed to Looking Glass Prairie, Illinois, where she conducted a rural finishing school for several years, learning in her own words "what education really is." This experience launched her on a career in teaching at Monticello (near Alton, Illinois) and later at Wheaton Seminary (now Wheaton College) in Norton, Massachusetts.

Her enthusiasm for literature and history plus her sincere fondness for her students carried her influence well beyond the classroom. She published her first book of poetry in 1869 and by 1884 had become a very popular poet. Her poetry was often uneven in quality, simple and unadorned with flexible rhythms and easy rhymes. It can also be characterized by a strong moral tone and numerous spiritual applications which make it appear today as quaint and lifeless.

Nature was usually a source of inspiration for her, but she was not always successful in conveying to her readers an esthetic quality worthy of more than enthusiasm. She was in short a very successful poet in her lifetime, but her work did endure; as a result her poetry is nearly unknown today.

The same is not true of her autobiography, A NEW ENGLAND GIRLHOOD, published four years before her death in 1893. Here is revealed in detail the intricacies of life in a New England village as well as that of the world of a factory girl in Lowell. Her insights into the factory system make this book a significant contribution to American social and labor history.

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*(Lucy Larcom, continued from page 1)*

Bethel is not mentioned in her autobiography but Miss Larcom is prominently discussed in William B. Lapham's HISTORY OF BETHEL initially published in 1891 (and reprinted in the 1980s). Here is recorded the poet's relationship with the town; Lapham also includes what may be considered her best Bethel poem, titled "On the Ledge," which she composed there in 1879. In this verse, Miss Larcom provided ample evidence of her familiarity with the town by reference to particular natural landmarks such as Paradise Hill and in the last stanza summarized her poetic vision of Bethel:

> As a new earth and heaven, ye are mine once again
> Ye beautiful meadows and mountains of Maine.

## SOCIETY TO PUBLISH BETHEL PICTORIAL HISTORY

The Society has received grants from the Bingham Betterment Fund and the Bingham Trust for Charity to prepare a pictorial history of Bethel for publication in 1991. Conceived as part of Bethel's Maine Street '90 activities, the project will focus on a narrative history of the town from its earliest days to the 1990s with several hundred illustrations, plus an extensive bibliography and index.

Selected to prepare the manuscript, select the illustrations, and write the captions is Randall H. Bennett, the Society's Curator of Collections, whose earlier book OXFORD COUNTY, MAINE: A GUIDE TO ITS HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE (1987) won wide acclaim. Bennett has also edited and published SUNDAY RIVER SKETCHES: A NEW ENGLAND CHRONICLE (1977), a history of Riley Plantation and the Sunday River Valley. For his many publications on historical subjects, Bennett was awarded a certificate of commendation from the American Association for State and Local History in 1987. Bennett's Bethel roots extend back to 1819 when some of his ancestors settled in the Grover Hill section of the town; his strong interest in genealogy resulted in a 200-page history of the New England Fifield family, published last fall.

"With his great familiarity with Bethel history and his superb eye for detail, he is the ideal person for this project," observed Society Director Stanley R. Howe. "We are extremely grateful to the two Bingham foundations for their support of what has every reason to be a remarkable book," he added.

A component of this project was a plan for a pictorial history prepared by a graduate intern earlier this year. Working under the direction of Dr. Howe was Joyce Wanger of Rumford, a Master of Arts student at West Virginia University, who examined the collections of the Society to complete a proposal for outlining topics to be included along with relevant illustrations. This plan is expected to expedite Bennett's work in writing the book.

No comprehensive study of Bethel's past has appeared since Dr. William B. Lapham's HISTORY OF BETHEL, published in 1891 and reprinted by the Society in 1981 with a new introductory essay by Dr. Howe. The expected appearance of this new pictorial history in 1991 will commemorate the centenary of Dr. Lapham's work and the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Society's founding in 1966. It will also, it is hoped, whet the appetite of Bethel history buffs for a far more comprehensive study of the town expected to appear at the time of the town's bicentenary in 1996.

A public reception officially announcing the Bethel pictorial history project was held during the annual Sudbury Canada Days.

## REFLECTIONS OF A HALF CENTURY
### (continued from the last issue)
### by Leslie E. Davis

Since this is intended to be a pretty candid story, I should in all fairness mention one or two experiences that were not too generally known, and which might not be considered proper conduct by us upright citizens. This period was during the time when national prohibition was a law in the United States; consequently there was quite a bit of illegal transportation of liquor through Bethel. As Bethel was on the direct route between Canada and Lewiston, we occasionally at the garage did repair work on automobiles which had built-in secret compartments that sometimes contained liquor.

Also during the winter of 1925-26 a man came into the garage claiming to be a traveling salesman and wanted to hire a snowmobile with driver to take him to Colebrook, NH on a business trip. I was the driver for him and we went to Colebrook in the afternoon and arrived there about dark. We had supper at the restaurant and he told me that he had to meet a man at West Stewartstown, NH and go back to Bethel the same night. When we got to West Stewartstown, he stopped at a barn of a dairy farm and he and the man brought several grain sacks and put them in the back of the snowmobile. By this time, of course, I was pretty well aware of what was taking place but couldn't s much of anything to do but complete the trip. On the way back to Bethel, the man tried to convince me that it would be very profitable for us if we would make regular trips with him, but I told him that I couldn't agree to anything like that; I tried to sell him a snowmobile which he could go with himself, but didn't succeed very well.

I carried his load through to Lewiston, where he put it in an old building out near Taylor Pond. He paid well for this trip, but it was the only one of that kind that we took.

We made many other long hard trips into the woods, into the Dead Diamond River country above the Hell's Gate Dam with woodsmen, to Upton and Magalloway with a doctor on emergency cases, sometimes in the night, but it was good business and interesting.

During the summer of 1926, I overheard a conversation in which it was mentioned that the Ezra Russell homestead farm on the Middle Intervale road was to be sold. This interested me so much that I started negotiating with Miss Isobel Shirley, who owned it. After the exchange of several letters, I made her an offer for it which she accepted, but she didn't want to give possession right away as she felt that she had to move the furnishings out and clean up the house. I decided to go to Brooklyn, NY where she lived to see if I couldn't close the deal and have the furnishings left in the house.

I went to Brooklyn in July and successfully closed th matter up so that I bought the farm with the furnishings included, except whatever few personal things that she wanted, for $7000. The final transaction was completed and the deed passed on July 31, 1926 by Raymond A. Bradley, her attorney.

I had quite a job to finance this deal as I didn't have too much available cash. As fast as Arthur Herrick and I divided any profits from the garage business, I paid that in on my note to Al Herrick to cut down on my interest cost on the house which we had on High Street. I had been spending whatever I could spare on making improvements instead of reducing the mortgage, as that was satisfactory with the Bethel Savings Bank. I could possibly have increased my mortgage on our High Street house, but didn't want to do so.

The only other source of funds was a loan and building association account which I had taken out when Richard was born at $5 per month and increased to $10 per month when Phyllis was born. This fund was now worth about $1000, so I cashed it in and was able to borrow the other $6000 from Hugh Thurston and his father Howard who operated H.F. Thurston and Son. They were willing to loan the funds due to the timber which was on the Russell wood lot. There was nearly 2 million board feet of white pine and about 2500 cords of white birch.

We moved into the house the following spring on April 30, 1927. Living there the first summer was somewhat on a camping basis as there was no electricity and no running water, so we used kerosene lamps and carried our water from the brook which ran through the edge of the south yard.

During the winter before we moved in, I had about 215 cords of birch cut and yarded that was on the place and sold it to the Thurston's for $2600 which was credited against the mortgage.

I spent all my spare time that first summer getting the house into better living condition. We dug the ditch and laid 650 feet of water pipe to give us a good gravity type water system from the little spring up in the woods. This was done by hand, of course, as there were no mechanical digging machines available in 1927. I believe we got this installed in late July, and in the meantime I had been negotiating with the electric light company to see what could be done for electric service. The nearest power line was about 9/10 of a mile from us. They finally agreed to furnish and run the supply wires to our house if I would dig the holes, furnish and set the poles. So I started digging holes. Some of the neighbors agreed to help on this project, but like many community projects, all the help I got was from Joe Paine, who dug two of the thirty-nine holes and he helped one half day when we set them, and Mrs. Irene Foster, who put in $15 in money. I greatly appreciated the help received from these two people.

It was quite a job to find 39 poles that were suitable for an electric light line, and I never did quite make it. I handled over 125 telephone poles that Eli Stearns had cut by the big swamp and got six or seven that would pass. Ernest Buck got out 15 or 16 for me. Walter Yeargles found a few and Wesley Bean a few more. When we got ready to set them we had 38 and needed 39. After we got the 38 poles set, Henry Austin, who was the local representative for Central Maine Power Company, decided that the company could furnish one pole to complete the line. In the meantime we had the house wired. Myron Lord did most of

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## EDITOR'S CORNER

Elsewhere in this issue is an announcement of the Society's latest major project, the publication of a pictorial history. Its preparation has been made possible through grants from the Bingham Betterment Fund and the Bingham Trust for Charity. This is an exciting project and I trust will be of interest to those with some association with Bethel. Future issues of the COURIER will provide progress reports on the book and information on how it may be obtained. SRH

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

It has been a great honor and a real pleasure to serve as president of the Society these last three years. We have seen exciting growth and received special awards and recognition.

I would like to cite the dedication and expertise of the Society's staff and its over one hundred volunteers as truly extraordinary.

The Society has become an extended family within the already warm and friendly Bethel community. Once more I wish to thank everyone who has given time and energy to the numerous functions of our special organization during my tenure as president.

The transition to our new president Jane Hosterman brings a promise for continued progress. I am looking forward to continuing my service on the Society's Board of Trustees.

Marvin Ouwinga

## FAN MAIL

To Society Curator of Collections Randall H. Bennett: "... I wrote you with some questions on the genealogy of the Kilgore family. I also offered, for your files, a chart of the Kilgore line as I had found it from my research. By virtue of your efforts and those of Mrs. Agnes Haines, I received a letter on November 8th, with information which resolved my problem with the Kilgore line! I had never had such a rapid and useful reply before from any city or town office or historical organization. Congratulations and thank you very much. Not only that but I have received two additional communications from your Society, each of which provided useful and pertinent information. You know, people find it easy to complain when something is not done quickly, or effectively, or usefully, — but many times they forget to applaud when all goes very well. Applause!

Arthur L. Burt
Rockville, MD

We both enjoyed reading the two issues of the Bethel Courier that you sent. The membership roster which is printed in the Spring '89 issue of the Courier is very impressive. Most major cities would find it difficult to match such a list of supporters.

Richard H. Pingrey
Santa Rosa, CA

## IN MEMORIAM

Guy Parker, Jr., June 1, 1990
Neva Mundt Coolidge, June 18, 1990
Eleanor Vail Parsons, August 5, 1990

*(L.E. Davis Memoirs)*

## SOCIETY SALES DEPARTMENT

The Society maintains a selection of modestly priced gifts and historical publications. These may be ordered at the prices listed below. Maine residents should include 5% sales tax. Orders under $10 should include $1 for postage and handling; those over $10 but under $20 should include $2 and all those over $20 should include $3 for postage and handling.

Moses Mason House Tile $3.50

Stationery(package of ten sheets and ten envelopes) $2 ea.
- Moses Mason House
- Bethel Railroad Station
- Summer House
- Bethel Covered Bridge

Booklets
- "Bethel's Broad Street" 75¢
- "The Family Farm" 75¢
- "Made in Bethel" 75¢
- "Dr. Moses Mason and His House" $1
- "Molly Ockett" $2

Maps and Atlases
- 1880 Map of Bethel Hill $2
- 1880 Map of Entire Town (Bethel) $2
- 1878 Bird's Eye View of Bethel Hill $1
- 1858 Atlas of Oxford County $6.50

Tote Bag (Moses Mason Museum logo) sm. $7.50 lg. $11.50

Placemats, 4 Season (set of four) $7.50

Books
- Heywood, HISTORY OF UPTON, MAINE $10
- Hutchinson, THE RUMFORD FALLS & RANGELEY LAKES RAILROAD $20
- BETHEL, MAINE CEMETERIES $9.50
- Russell, INDIAN NEW ENGLAND BEFORE THE MAYFLOWER $11.95
- William B. Lapham, HISTORY OF WOODSTOCK, MAINE $19.95
- B.G. Willey, INCIDENTS IN WHITE MOUNTAIN HISTORY $25
- Maxim & Lapham, HISTORY OF PARIS $55
- Holt, GRAND TRUNK LINES OF NEW ENGLAND $24.95
- D.B. Wight, WILD RIVER WILDERNESS $4
- Francis Parkman, THE GOULD ACADEMY STORY $7.50
- MAINE IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC $29.95
- BETHEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY COOKBOOK $5
- Thomas Hubka, BIG HOUSE, LITTLE HOUSE, BACK HOUSE BARN: THE CONNECTED FARM BUILDINGS OF NEW ENGLAND Paper $19.95. Cloth $35
- William B. Lapham, HISTORY OF NORWAY, MAINE $55
- M.F. King, ANNALS OF OXFORD $48
- Jean Lipman, RUFUS PORTER REDISCOVERED $14.95
- A TRUTHFUL LIKENESS: CHESTER HARDING AND HIS PORTRAITS $25
- Paula Wight, NEWRY PROFILES $5
- Eva Bean, EAST BETHEL ROAD $50
- R.H. Bennett, OXFORD COUNTY, MAINE $18
- William B. Lapham, HISTORY OF BETHEL, 1768-1890 $45
- F.W. Kilbourne, CHRONICLES OF THE WHITE MOUNTAINS $20

T-Shirts
- Moses Mason Museum (Adult) (S,M,L,XL) $7
- Moses Mason Museum (Child's) (4-6-8-10-12-14) $6
- Sudbury Canada 1768-1796 (Adult) (S,M,L,XL) $7
- Sudbury Canada 1768-1796 (Child's) (4-6-8-10-12-14) $6

Post Cards: Dr. Mason, Agnes Mason, Moses Mason House 10¢ ea.

Bethel Historical Society Calendar, 1991 $7

Members of the Bethel Historical Society are entitled to a 10% discount for purchases totaling $10 or more. Please send orders to the Society at P.O. Box 12, Bethel, Maine 04217. They will be sent by return mail.

*L.E. Davis and family on High Street, now the site of Gould Academy's Walters Infirmary, L to R: Richard, Leslie, Kathryn, Marie and Phyllis. ca. 1924. Photo courtesy of Phyllis Davis Dock.*

*(L.E. Davis Memoirs, continued from page 3)*

the work on the wiring so that we had current turned on for the first time on October 22, 1927.

It was during the late summer of this same year of 1927 that Marie's father and mother moved down from our house in the village to live with us as her mother was sick a great deal and not able to do her housework. We still owned the house on High Street in the village and rented the East end to May McRae and the West end where Marie's father and mother had lived to John Carter's family while the two children went to Gould Academy. We got $20 a month rent for each furnished apartment.

We eventually sold this house to Prof. William Rogers Chapman for $4000, but I do not remember in what year but believe it was in 1929 or 1930.

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## BOOK REVIEW

THE HISTORY OF THE KIMBALL FAMILY IN AMERICA, by L.A. Morrison and S.P. Sharples, 1897; revised edition written and edited for the Kimball Family Association by Judith A. Kimball and the members of the Genealogical Committee of the Association, with research done by George H. Kimball, Jr.; Vol. I. $35.00 postpaid to the Association, c/o Robert Webster, P.O. Box 188, Hampstead, N.H. 03841.

The long-awaited revision and up-dating of the 1897 *History of the Kimball Family in America,* compiled by

Leonard A. Morrison and Stephen P. Sharples, has, after many years of difficult and painstaking work, resulted in the publication of the first of a two-volume revised edition of this detailed and fascinating genealogy. Under the guidance of Judith A. Kimball of Kittery, Maine (who also edits the Kimball Family Association's newsletter, "Connections"), this well-arranged family history covers the story of the first six generations of descendants of the emigrant Richard Kimball, who arrived at Ipswich, Mass., from England in 1634.

As Judith A. Kimball and her husband, George H. Kimball, Jr. (who did much of the research for this revision), point out in the lengthy introduction to this volume, a decision was made not long ago to use material that Association members had contributed, along with data from the Kimball Family News (published from 1898 to 1903), to revise the first half of the 1897 work. In this introduction the Kimballs also warn of waiting for "more information" before publishing a work of this type, a mistake that often results in years of genealogical research being laid aside or thrown away by disinterested friends or relatives.

For those who have struggled with awkwardly arranged or numbered genealogies, especially those used in the revisions of older works, the format for this volume should serve as a model. Rather than adding a long series of letters to the numbering system in the 1897 work, the editors have essentially re-numbered all families included in this revision, though they have wisely chosen to retain that numbering arrangement employed in *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register,* the standard format for modern genealogies. A complete list of reference works used are given at the end of each chapter, with abbreviations listed after family units where necessary. As these textural references do not indicate specific changes/additions to the original book, a copy of that volume (still available in reprint form from the association) remains a valuable tool when studying certain lines of descent. Presumably, detailed information exists in the files of the association which clarifies exactly what changes have been made and why.

A recent issue of the Kimball Association newsletter points out that additions and corrections for this first revised volume are already being compiled for insertion in volume two. The only major omission this reviewer noticed in a light reading was that the date of publication (1990) was left off the title page; those who cite this volume in their research and librarians who need to prepare catalog cards will want to know exactly when the book appeared. But, in light of the great effort that has gone into the compiling of this up-date, this matter is something that can be corrected in volume two, which all interested in the Kimball family can anxiously look forward to in the not too distant future.

Randall H. Bennett

## MEMBER PROFILE

Gertrude Hutchins of Bethel was born 12 December 1917 in Detroit, Michigan, the daughter of Herman and Alma Reinke. A graduate of Detroit's Edwin Denby High School, she worked as a secretary in Detroit for several years, marrying Harlan Hutchins in 1941. She also received music training at the Detroit Conservatory of Music. Mother of two sons and grandmother of five, she has lived in Bethel for more than forty years and worked as

*Gertrude Hutchins*

a secretary in a variety of offices including those of the National Training Laboratory, Gould Academy and the Town of Bethel. She has long been involved with the West Parish Congregational Church (choir, bell choir, and women's fellowship) and is active in the Garden Club, the Bethel Senior Citizens and the Mahoosuc Arts Council.

A life member of the Bethel Historical Society, she has long been a valued member of the Society's Garden and Grounds Committee. She has assisted with decorating the Society's museum for Sudbury Canada Days, for Homecoming and for "Christmas with the Masons" for many years. She has also served as a guide in the museum for a number of seasons.

Her hobbies include gardening, flower arranging (both fresh and dried) and calligraphy.

## NEW LIFE MEMBER

Ina Bean Carey, Framingham, MA

## GENEALOGICAL INQUIRIES

I am corresponding with other descendants of the following ancestors and would like to hear from anyone whose ancestors intermarried with these families and to include their lines in family manuscripts compiled on same:

(1) Isaac Cummings (1601-77), Topsfield, MA
(2) Richard Beane
(3) Richard & Martha (Beane) French (1625-88/92)
(4) Abraham and Bridget (Best) Shaw
(5) Rev. John Graham, came to New England in 1718
(6) Thomas and Alice (French) Howlett
(7) William Bassett (d. 1667)
(8) Daniel and Elizabeth (Hoxie) Allen (1699-1732)
(9) William Spooner (d. 1683)
(10) Samuel Perry (d. 1666)
(11) Daniel Wing (d. 1698)

Many of their descendants intermarried with Batchelder, Cole, Kimball, Farwell, Wright, Tewksbury, Buckman,

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*L.E. Davis and family at their home, the former Russell Homestead, Middle Intervale, Bethel, ca. 1930, L to R: L.E. Davis, Phyllis, Marie, Kathryn, Richard with dog Pal. Photo courtesy of Phyllis Davis Dock.*

Larrabee, Stewart, Perry, Johnson, Towne, Russell, Judkins, Howe, Bryant, Eddy, Hall, Taber, Pratt, Partridge, Steele, Briggs, Esty, and other settlers and founders of towns and cities in New England.

Marjorie Farwell Cummings's family line and history is being compiled for Volume V "In Search of the Descendants of Isaac Cummings"; I would like to hear from any of her relatives, friends, etc., who might have pictures, stories, articles, etc. to share and include in this manuscript.

Justine Cooper
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Longwood, FL 32752

I would like to correspond with Hales/Hardens who may be of my lines. Zacheus Hale and Clarissa Harden had 3 children in Newry/Riley, Oxford County, Maine, Zacheus born 13 July 1827, Clarissa born 11 November 1828, and Nahum born 31 March 1830. Zacheus was born in Newbury (Dunstable, MA) and Clarissa Harden was born in East Bridgewater, MA. They later lived in East Bridgewater, MA and had 5 more children.

Charles J. Sherman
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## EAST BETHEL ROAD UPDATE

Editor's Note: In January 1986, the Society published a second and greatly expanded edition of the late Eva Bean's acclaimed local history EAST BETHEL ROAD, which originally appeared in 1959. The information below reflects births, marriages and deaths since the first and second updates which appeared in the Fall 1987 and Winter 1989 issues of the Courier respectively. Anyone with further information is invited to submit it for possible inclusion in future updates. A limited number of the books are still available at $50 (Society members are entitled to a 10% discount) plus $2.50 for postage and insurance. Maine residents should add $2.50 per copy to their remittance.

Addition: Page 63, Eben B. Peverly married Caroline E. Day, daughter of Hiram and Caroline (Cummings) Day. Children: Herbert, Leslie (both died young), Bertha Capitola, married Azel Bryant.

### BIRTHS

To Keith and Laurie Kurpiel Bartlett, Aug. 2, 1990, a son Jeffrey Kyle
To Tim Bean and Aimee Walker, Aug. 31, 1990, a daughter, Chelsea Mary
To David H., Esq., and Cheryl Sessions Bownes, June 21, 1990, a son Patrick Morgan
To Mark Brooks and LeeAnn Patten, Nov. 27, 1989, a son Andrew Mark
To Robert and Tammy Dunham Caron, July 14, 1990, a daughter, Rebecca Nicole
To Anthony and Amy Wight Chapman, Aug. 1, 1990, a son William Franklin
To Herbert and Janet LaFlamme Coolidge, April 26, 1990, a son, James Wilfred
To Clyde and Carol Gilbert Crockett, Aug. 22, 1990, a daughter, Ariel Elizabeth
To Stephen and Rosalie Coolidge Cross, Sept. 3, 1990, a daughter, Jennifer Faith

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To Kyle Ryan Curtis and Rachel Piawlock, Oct. 24, 1989, a son, Caitlin Ryan

To Vernon and Tamara Poland Davis, Feb. 16, 1990, a daughter, Bailey Elizabeth

To Jeff and Sheila Gallant Fleet, March 10, 1990, a son, Michael David

To Timothy and Malinda Bean Gallant, Nov. 23, 1989, a daughter, Mary Ellen

To Thomas and Dianne Cummings Gaudreau, Aug. 1, 1990, a daughter, Celesse Tanya

To Douglas and Bertha Cox Grover, March 3, 1990, a daughter, Grace Jennifer

To Kenneth and Tracy Poland Grover, April 18, 1990, a son, Kenneth and a daughter, Brooke

To Robert and Robin Dooen Gunderson, May 21, 1990, twin sons, Alex W. and Andrew S.

To Nelson and Mona Heath Hart, Nov. 10, 1989, a son Andrew James

To Eric and Celeste Chamberlain Hastings, Feb. 1, 1990, a son, Zachary Warren

To Kevin and Kei Davis Howe, June 11, 1990, a son, Samuel Douglas

To Tony and Susan Fillebrown Hunt, March 21, 1990, a daughter, Brittany Irene

To Benjam Andrew Hutchins and Kristie Sue Day, Nov. 11, 1989, a daughter Abigail Leigh Hutchins

To Michail and Carol Hayner Kutz, April 25, 1990, a son, Zachary Michael

To Jamie Meader and Kimberly Sweetsir, Sept. 23, 1989, a daughter, Karissa Rae

To Kevin and Melanie Stevens Mercer, Dec. 18, 1989, a son Matthew Robert

To Richard and Pamela Swan Merz, June 8, 1990, a son Sean Michael

To Jeffrey and Tammy Reed Mills, May 1, 1990, a daughter, Olivia Margaret

To David and Kaye Swan Moren, Oct. 8, 1989, a daughter, Erica Leah

To Eddie and Laurie Reilly Newell, May 29, 1990, a daughter, Shauni Marie

To Staff Sargent Adam and Elizabeth Lowell Rice, Aug. 13, 1990, a daughter, Bryenna Leigh

To Cue and Lorna Carter Saremi, Dec. 24, 1989, a son, Trevor Soroush

To Richard Sprague and Michelle Bennett, May 29, 1990, a daughter, Tia Lynn

To Daniel and Mary Thurston Stearns, Oct. 12, 1989, a son Adam Daniel

To Ross and Becky Jodrey Swan, March 3, 1990, a son Corey Michael

To Shawn and Sherri Sprague Tedford, March 12, 1990, a son Keith Frederick

To Bruce and Velora Kimball Touminen, June 11, 1990, a daughter, Robin Elizabeth

To Kathy Tyler, Oct. 4, 1989, a son, Jonathan Michael

## BETHEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY
## STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND EXPENSES
## DECEMBER 31, 1989 and 1988

| | 1989 Amount | 1989 Percent of Income | 1988 Percent of Income | 1988 Amount |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Income:** | | | | |
| Grants | $4,998 | $8.24 | $16.56 | $9,713 |
| General Contributions | 9,903 | 16.33 | 16.33 | 9,577 |
| Dues | 4,707 | 7.76 | 9.02 | 5,292 |
| Admission and sales income | 7,025 | 11.58 | 10.56 | 6,191 |
| Program income | (431) | (.71) | .10 | 58 |
| Rental income | 583 | .96 | .89 | 520 |
| Investment income | 35,161 | 57.98 | 49.34 | 28,941 |
| Loss on sale of securities | (4,678) | (7.71) | (3.69) | (2,162) |
| Unrealized gain on sale of securities | 3,380 | 5.57 | .89 | 523 |
| Total income | $60,648 | $100.00 | $100.00 | $58,653 |
| **Expenses:** | | | | |
| Bookkeeping expense | $1,200 | $1.98 | $2.05 | $1,200 |
| Building repairs | 1,178 | 1.94 | .54 | 318 |
| Depreciation | 10,518 | 17.34 | 17.69 | 10,375 |
| Director's expense | 20 | .03 | .34 | 202 |
| Dues | 480 | .79 | .97 | 570 |
| Heat, lights and water | 5,483 | 9.04 | 9.02 | 5,290 |
| Insurance | 3,771 | 6.22 | 7.38 | 4,326 |
| Janitorial services | 606 | 1.00 | .64 | 378 |
| Merchandise for resale | 4,934 | 8.14 | 11.86 | 6,958 |
| Miscellaneous | 769 | 1.27 | 2.10 | 1,230 |
| Office supplies and printing | 4,447 | 7.33 | 5.46 | 3,204 |
| Postage | 1,379 | 2.27 | 1.83 | 1,075 |
| Professional fees | 1,070 | 1.76 | 1.84 | 1,080 |
| Salaries | 21,291 | 35.11 | 48.85 | 28,654 |
| Subscriptions | 60 | .10 | .10 | 53 |
| Supplies | 161 | .27 | .24 | 140 |
| Taxes | 2,048 | 3.38 | 4.54 | 2,657 |
| Telephone | 355 | .58 | 1.09 | 639 |
| | $59,770 | $98.55 | $116.54 | $68,349 |
| Net Income (Loss) | $878 | $1.45 | ($16.54) | ($9,696) |

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## MARRIAGES

Richard Edward Webb and Lisa Marie Cox, Oct. 1, 1989, Kingsbury, GA
Stephen V. Dock, Ph.D. and Dr. Carolyn A. Wilson, Oct. 21, 1989, Iva, VA
Jeffrey Stowell Bartlett and Karen Amy Gropper, Oct. 22, 1989, West Warwick, RI

## DEATHS

G. Joyce Swan Bailey, July 26, 1989, Norway
Harlan M. Buck, Oct. 12, 1990, West Paris
Ruth Collins, Oct. 30, 1989, Danville, NH
Neva Mundt Coolidge, July 18, 1990, Norway
Bernard Dubendois, Nov. 7, 1989, Farmington
Rose R. Howe Dyke, Oct. 12, 1989, NH
Willard Porter Farwell, Jr., Jan. 3, 1990, Dixfield
Florence Howe Fifield, June 19, 1990, West Paris
Alice Mason Gauthier, March 4, 1990, Gorham, NH
Robert M. Gordon, Oct. 18, 1989, Hendersen, NC
Howard E. Hart, Nov. 30, 1989, Norway
Robert J. Lowe, June 28, 1990, Augusta
Robert Marshall, Jan. 19, 1990, Rumford
Abraham "Linc" Merrill, Nov. 21, 1989, Norway
Freeman Merrill, Jr., Feb. 24, 1990, Bridgton
Timothy Robert Morrill, Feb. 7, 1990, Beacon, NY
Malcolm C. Mundt, Sept. 15, 1990, Norway
Guy Parker, Sr., Sept. 13, 1990, Norway
Guy Parker, Jr., June 1, 1990
Burpee Pearl, Aug. 22, 1990, Mechanic Falls
Nettie Maxim Pearl, July 30, 1988, Mechanic Falls
Howard G. Philbrook, July 4, 1990, Montpelier, VT
Charles H. Swan, Sept. 22, 1990, Portland
John R. Swan, April 9, 1990, Dixfield
Norma B. Tyler, Aug. 11, 1990, Norway
Bertha A. Verrill Wilson, Nov. 23, 1989, Brunswick
Welden I. Wing, Aug. 11, 1990, Bryant Pond


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## DEBORAH BARKER WINS DR. MOSES MASON AWARD

The 1990 Dr. Moses Mason Award, given each year to the Gould Academy and Telstar Regional High School student who writes the best essay in local history, was presented to Deborah Barker in June at the annual Telstar awards ceremony by Society Director Stanley R. Howe. Miss Barker, a senior, wrote a history of the Bethel Fire department, using materials found in the Society's Eva Bean Research Room as well as several oral interviews she conducted with members of the Department.

As one of several student programs, the Society has been sponsoring this contest for more than a decade to encourage interest in the research and writing of local history.

## SUDBURY CANADA DAYS HELD AUGUST 10, 11, 12

Despite heavy rains, Sudbury Canada Days, the Society's summer heritage festival, was a great success. Much appreciation is expressed to all those who made this success possible.


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